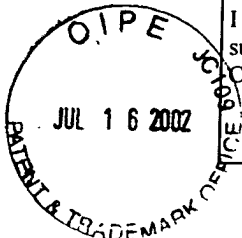


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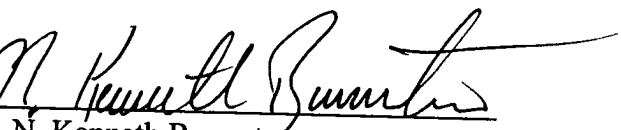
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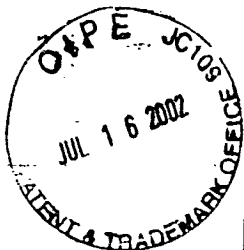
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US pat. no.:	5,974,662	(P6-US)	issued	November 2, 1999
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